



Immigration News Highlights

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The KPMG team regularly monitors recent developments across the globe in the Immigration space and publishes them as Immigration News Highlights. Please find the key developments that occurred over the last week enumerated below. [Click here to find all issues of the Immigration News Highlights on the GMS Flash Alert: Immigration page.](#)



Canada

[Enhancements to the super visa program for parents and grandparents will help reunite families more easily and for longer](#)

The Canadian government plans to enhance the super visa program to allow parents and grandparents to stay longer in Canada. From 4 July 2022, super visa holders can stay in Canada for five years instead of two years. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[Implementation of a measure to protect the integrity of the International Student Program in Quebec](#)

The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada announced a new measure to restrict access to the post-graduation work permit for certain graduates of unsubsidized private learning institutions. The measure will only make post-graduation work permits available to graduates of a subsidized program. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[Immigration minister says he's working on a faster path to permanence for temporary residents](#)

The Canadian Government plans to create a program to speed up the proves of turning newcomers in Canada under temporary permits into permanent residents. The proposed program will have a 120-day processing time for temporary permit holders to become permanent residents of Canada. [Read more.](#)

United States

[US Ends Testing Requirement for Air Travelers from EU & Other Countries](#)

From 12 June 2022, air passengers are no longer required to present a negative COVID-19 or a recovery certificate when entering the US. The measure aims at supporting the travel and tourism industry in the country. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Visa Bulletin for July 2022](#)

The US State Department published the July Visa Bulletin. China and India advanced in the EB-2 category to 1 April 2019 and 1 December 2014 respectively. [Read more.](#)

United States

[U.S. Virgin Islands Just Removed All Entry Restrictions for American Visitors](#)

The US Virgin Islands lifted the COVID-19 entry restrictions on 1 June 2022. All domestic and international travelers are no longer required to complete the USVI Travel Screening Portal or present an approved green QR code to travel to the USVI. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Visa application process for Indian students to be simplified: US embassy](#)

The US authorities issued new visa guidelines for Indian students. Under these guidelines, Indian students who have previously held any valid US visa can apply using the drop box service to bypass the interview waiver process. [Read more.](#)



China

[Some Chinese cities on trial to shorten quarantine period to 7+7days for international arrivals at entry points](#)

Beijing, Nanjing, and Wuhan have shortened their quarantine time by three to seven days for international arrivals on a trial basis. However, all travelers are required to take nucleic acid and antigen tests during quarantine. [Read more](#)

China

[China opens door to more foreigners with relaxed visa policy](#)

China expanded the scope of visa service to foreign nationals allowing foreign nationals who are family members of Chinese citizens or foreigners with Chinese permanent residence permits to apply for a Chinese visit or family reunion visa. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong

[Macau To Reduce Quarantine Period for Visitors from Hong Kong, Taiwan & Other Foreign Regions](#)

From 15 June 2022, inbound travelers from Hong Kong and Taiwan coming to Macau will only be required to quarantine for 10 days followed by a 7-day period of self-health monitoring. [Read more](#)

Oman

[Oman & EU Hold Schengen Visa Waiver Consultations](#)

Oman and the European Union held a third round of political consultation for a visa-waiver agreement for travelers from Oman. [Read more](#)

Pakistan

[Pakistan OKs new transit visa policy for Afghans](#)

Pakistan approved a new transit visa policy for Afghan immigrants. The new visa will offer 30-day transit visas to Afghan citizens within 24 hours of application. [Read more](#)

Saudi Arabia

[Saudi Arabia: New visa scheme for GCC residents to be introduced](#)

Saudi Arabia plans to introduce a new visa for travelers coming from the countries belonging to the Gulf Cooperation Council. Currently these travelers are not subject to any specific restrictions while entering Saudi Arabia. [Read more](#)

Taiwan

[Starting June 15, Taiwan to gradually ease border controls, shorten quarantine period, and control number of arrivals](#)

From 15 June 2022, Taiwan will ease the pre-entry COVID-19 restrictions for foreign travelers. The quarantine period will be reduced from 7 to 3 days which will be followed by a 4-day self-health monitoring period. [Read more](#)



Denmark

[Denmark embassy suspends visa acceptance for India until July 1](#)

Denmark suspended applications for short-stay visas and residence permit for Indian applicants due to shortage of staff and increased number of applications. No new appointments will be available from 1 July 2022 until further notice. [Read more](#)

Finland

[Finland Launches Fast-Track Migration Procedures for Specialists & Entrepreneurs](#)

Finnish authorities launched a fast migration lane for professionals and growth entrepreneurs for processing of residence permits for applicants and their families within 14 days. The measure aims to reduce labor shortage in the country. [Read more](#)

Germany

[German MIA Proposes Permitting Migrants to Apply for Residence Permits with Extended Validity](#)

Germany proposed new residency rules for migrants who have lived in Germany for over five years and have a 'Duldung'. The proposed law will allow these migrants to apply for a long-term residency. [Read more](#)

Greece

[Greece Lifts Visa Requirement for Touring UK Artists & Crew](#)

On 13 June 2022, Greece announced that touring artists from the UK and their crews will no longer need a visa to enter Greece. Further, touring artists can crews must be insured against a work accident and be paid outside Greece to enter Greece visa-free. [Read more](#)

Italy

[Italy to Increase Migrant Work Permit Quotas for 2022](#)

The Italian government plans to allow a total 75,000 migrants to arrive in Italy for work. The number is 5,000 more than what was previously announced in an official decree earlier this year. [Read more](#)

Latvia

[Latvia's Visa Application Centre in Shanghai Resumes Its Work](#)

The Consulate General of Hungary, on behalf of Latvia, announced the reopening of the visa application center for Schengen visas located in Shanghai, China. Hungary issued visas on behalf of some other Schengen States including Latvia. The center was previously closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in China. [Read more](#)

Sweden

[Sweden Now Applies New Work Permit Rules for Foreign Workers](#)

Sweden applied new rules from labor immigration from 1 June 2022. Under the new rules, an employment contract must be attached to the application for obtaining a work permit. Further, a maintenance requirement has been introduced for family migration. The measures aim to attract and retain skilled employees in the country and prevent exploitation of migrants. [Read more](#)

Switzerland

[Switzerland Suspends Visa-Free Travel for Vanuatu Citizens Until February 2023](#)

On 10 June 2022, the Swiss Federal Council called off the visa-waiver agreement with Vanuatu until February 2023. Vanuatu citizens whose passports were issued on or after 25 May 2015 are not permitted a visa-free entry into Switzerland until 3 February 2023. The measure was taken considering the lack of proper security clearance in Vanuatu's visa issue process. [Read more](#)

Turkey

[Serbia completes preparations for visa-free travel with Türkiye](#)

Serbia announced that it had completed preparations to provide a visa-free entry for Turkish citizens. An agreement is expected to be signed which will allow visa-free travel for the citizens of the two countries using only a valid biometric ID card. [Read more](#)

Turkey

[Turkey scraps all Covid travel rules for Brits ahead of the summer holidays](#)

The Turkish Government scrapped all pre-entry COVID-19 test requirements. Thus, travelers are no longer needed to present a valid proof of vaccination or a negative test before entering the country. The measure aims to increase the travel in the country. [Read more](#)



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